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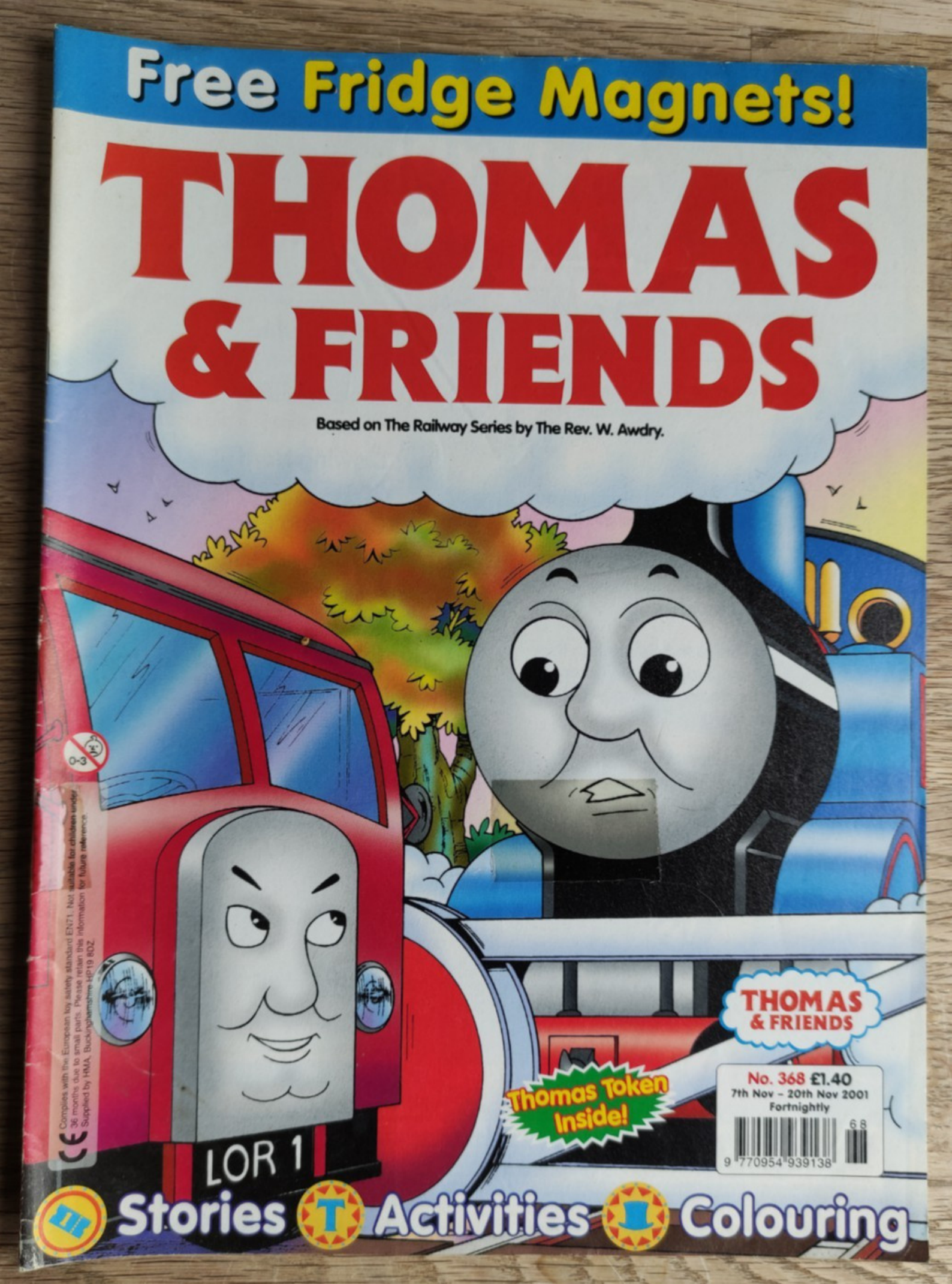

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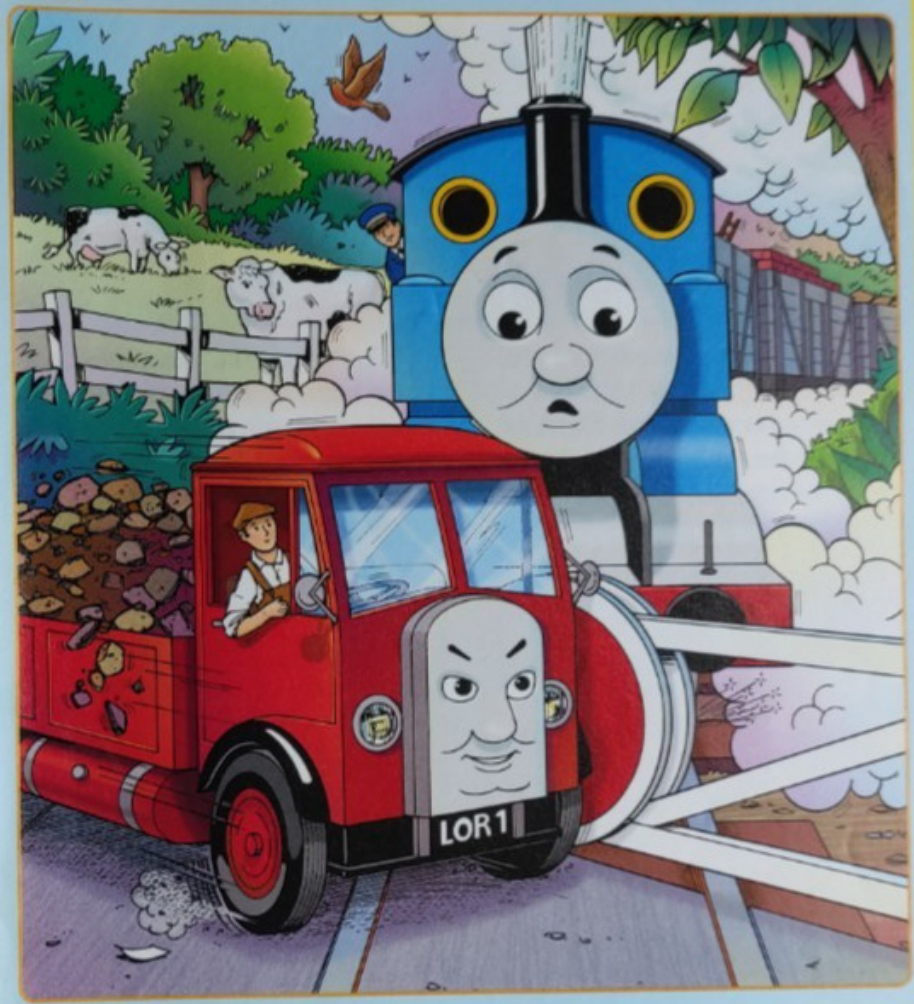


1. Thomas was helping to make deliveries to a busy building site. His trucks were loaded with tiles, sand and bricks. On the way, Thomas met Lorry 1 near a level-crossing.

2. Thomas had to pull up while the lorry roared recklessly towards the railway line. He was carrying rubble from the site. Lorry 1 rattled and bounced noisily over the crossing.

3. "Pheeep! Slow down before you spill your load!" whistled Thomas. Too late! A heap of rubble fell off the lorry onto the track. "Oh, no! You'll make me late!" fumed Thomas.

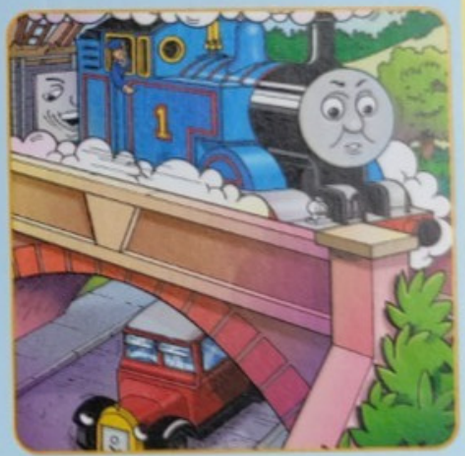
4. "Don't worry! I can work twice as fast as you!" sneered Lorry 1 as he left. "I'll come back for your load too, if you like!" Thomas' crew had to shovel all the rubble clear.

5. It took a while before Thomas got underway again. "Lorry 1 might at least have said sorry!" he huffed. But farther on, Lorry 2 came driving alongside. The lorry hooted loudly.

6. "Beep! Beep! Mind you don't blow smoke in my eyes!" yelled Lorry 2. "Steam engines should be banned!" Then a big sheet over Lorry 2's load came loose and flapped into the air.

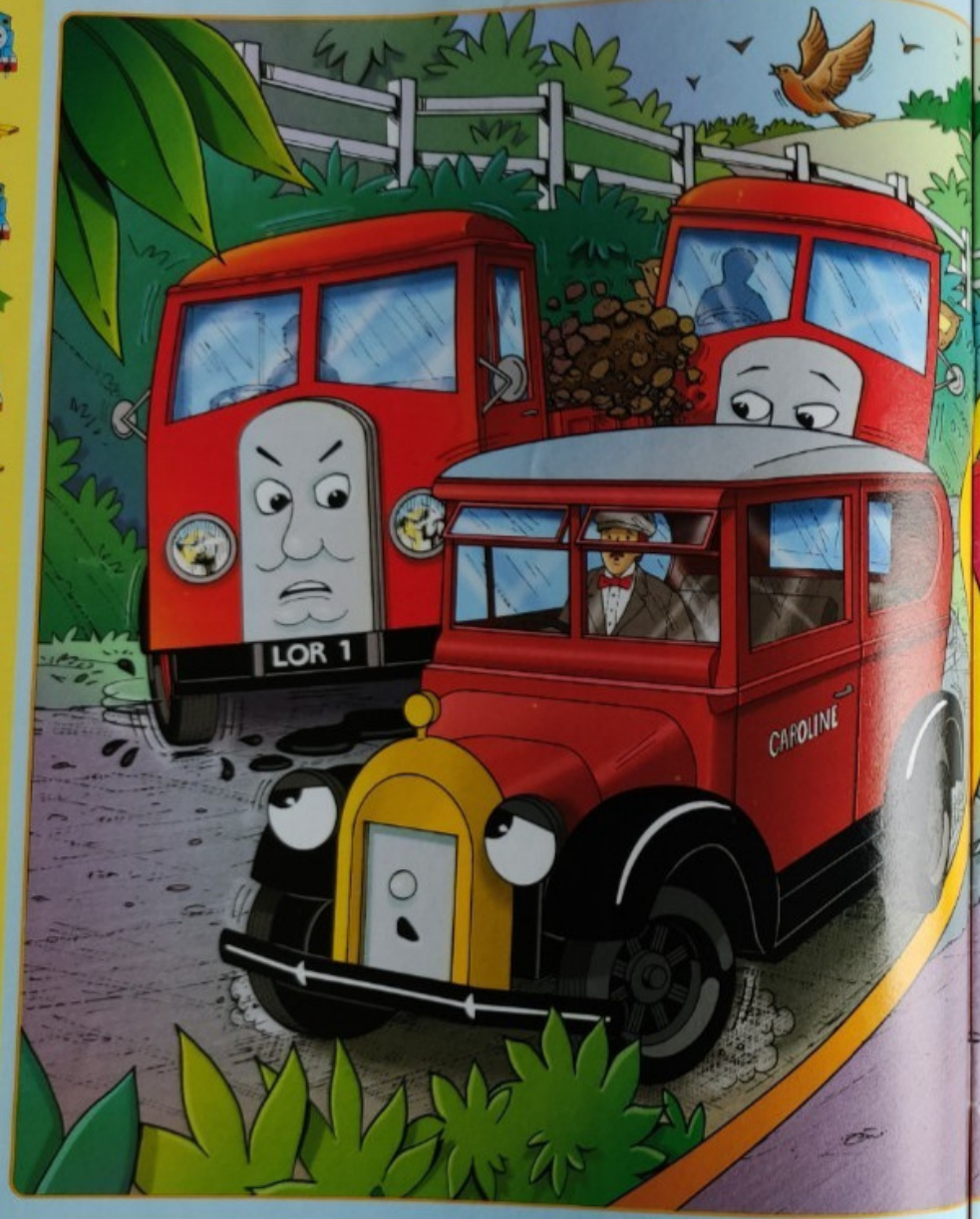
7. The wind blew it into Thomas' face so he couldn't see where he was going. "It's turned as dark as soot!" gasped Thomas, braking hard. His driver went to remove the sheet.

8. Lorry 2 did not bother to collect it. He raced on, laughing unkindly. "Horrid lorries!" fumed Thomas. Just then Caroline the Car arrived. "I'm having lorry trouble!" said Thomas.



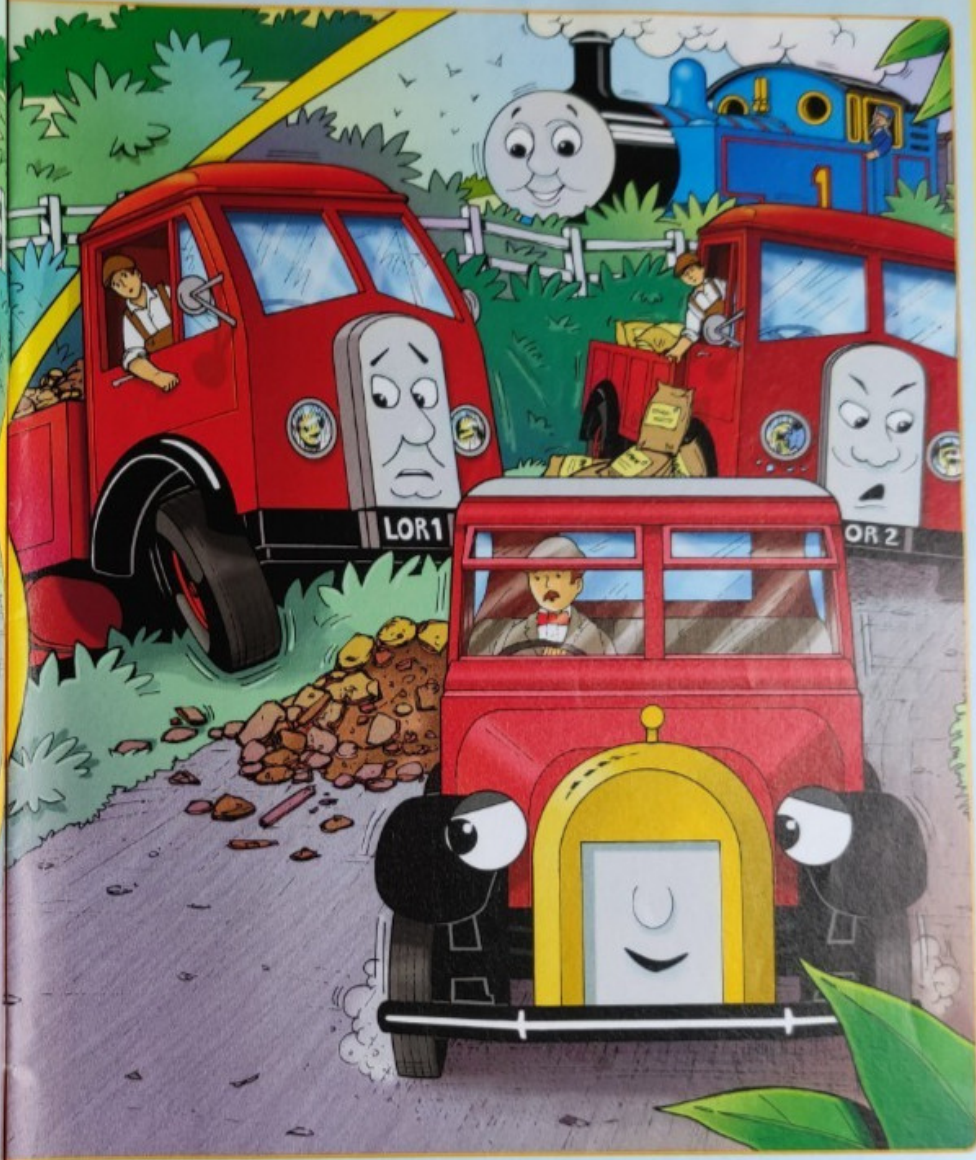
9. "I'm sure Lorry 1 and Lorry 2 are slowing me down on purpose," he told Caroline. "They want to stop me from taking loads by rail. Then they can carry everything by road, instead!"

10. "If you ask me, those lorries need a lesson in manners," frowned Caroline, motoring steadily on. Next day, Thomas was delivering another load. "I must be on time!" he said.



11. Thomas spotted Caroline. She was going even more slowly than usual. Suddenly, Lorry 1 and Lorry 2 roared up behind her. "Let us pass, slowcoach!" they cried, rudely.

12. Caroline lurched and accidentally spilt some oil on the road. Lorry 1 didn't see it. He drove into the oil and skidded. "Look out!" cried Lorry 2, bumping into Lorry 1.



13. Both lorries looked very sorry for themselves. Some of their loads had tipped out and Lorry 1's back wheels were in a ditch. Lorry 2 had a flat tyre and a broken headlamp.

14. "Oh, dear! Such a shame!" smiled Caroline sweetly. "My motor seems to be giving me trouble." "I don't think those lorries will be causing any more today!" chuckled Thomas.

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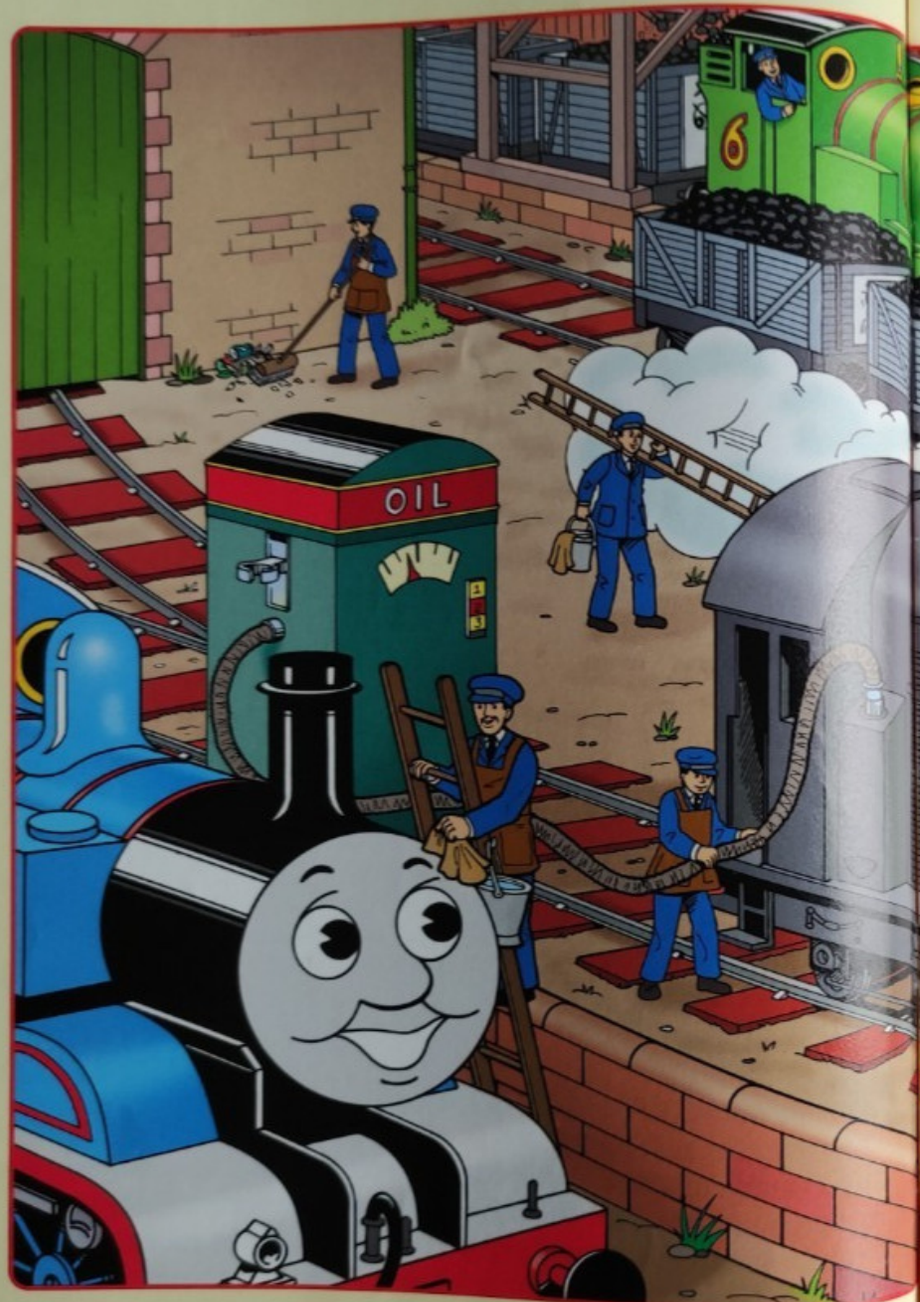
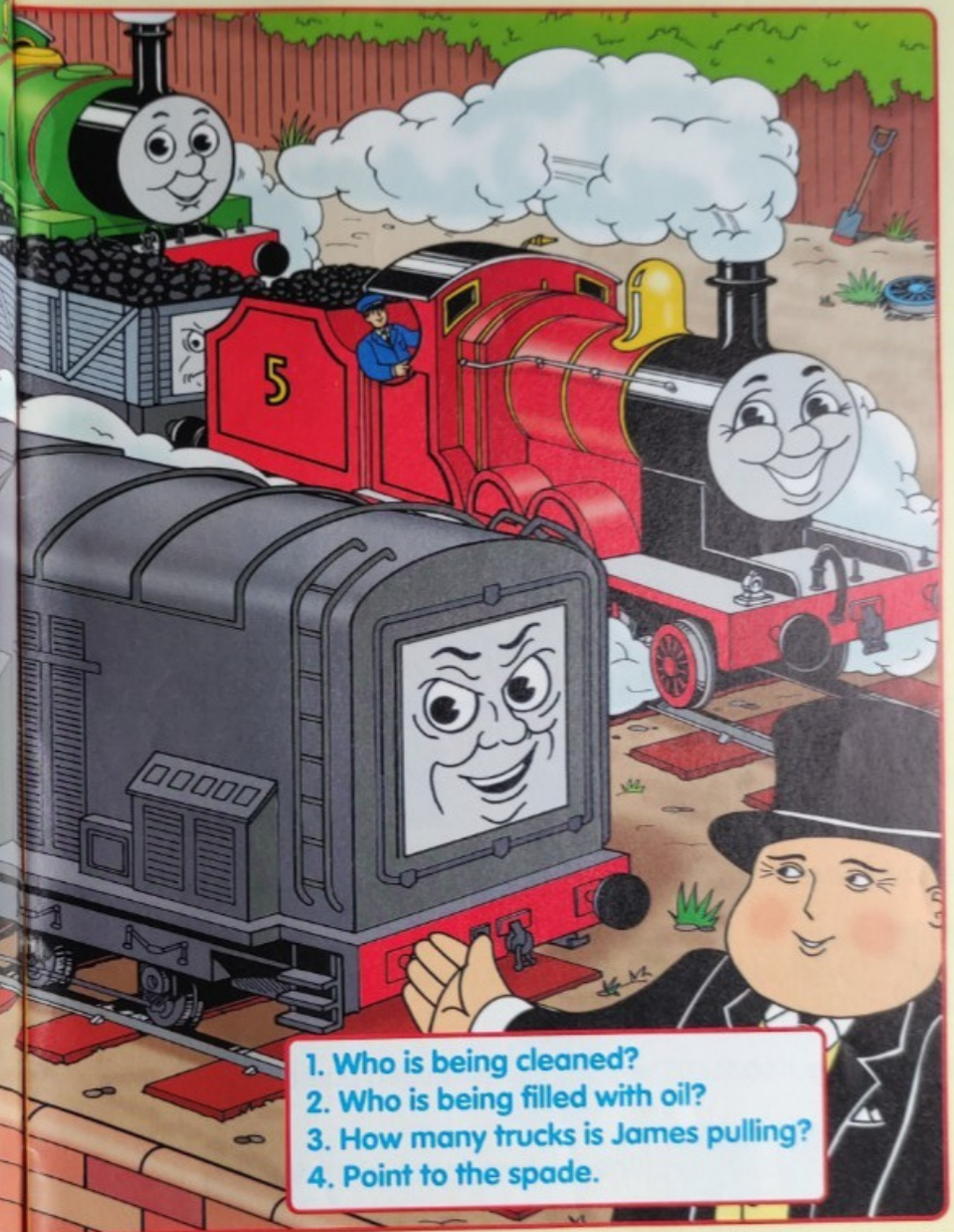
Look and See!



Everyone's busy in the station yard.
Look at the picture, what can you see?



1. Who is being cleaned?
2. Who is being filled with oil?
3. How many trucks is James pulling?
4. Point to the spade.

answers: 1. Thomas 2. Diesel 3. two 4. top right corner against the wall.

rebus story

Blowing Hard!

Trace over the words below. Then read the story, when you see a picture say the word!

The words made into pictures are...

Thomas

truck

kite

bird

tree

cloud

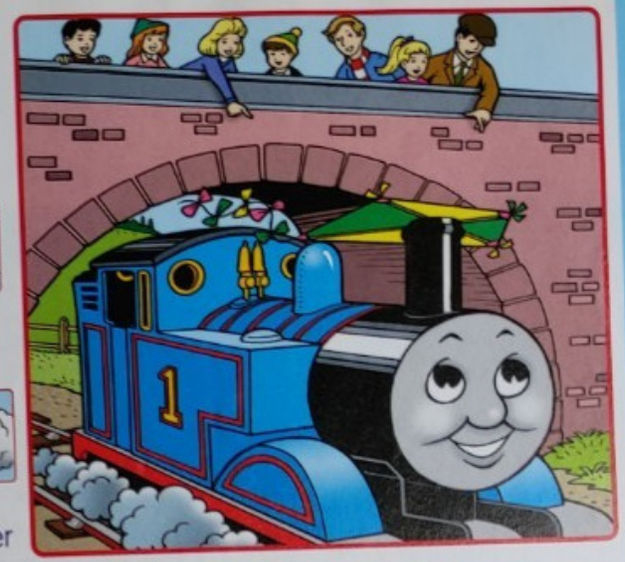
car

bridge

string

One windy day, was pulling a in the station yard. He saw some children flying a in a nearby park. But its broke and the blew away. "Oh, no!" they cried. "We'll never get it back!" The swooped past a and landed in a . Then, a gust snatched it away from the

again. This time, the soared into a big, fluffy and disappeared. It came out of the and dived past another , towards the railway yard. The fell onto a . But before Thomas' driver could get it, the wind carried the off again. High above a in the station park it went, beyond a . People on the pointed in surprise. Where do you think the landed next? Right on top of Thomas' funnel! had a clever idea. He puffed hard and blew the back towards the children. "Well done!" they called. "We'll tie it to a stronger piece of !" "It's lucky I have lots of puff!" smiled .



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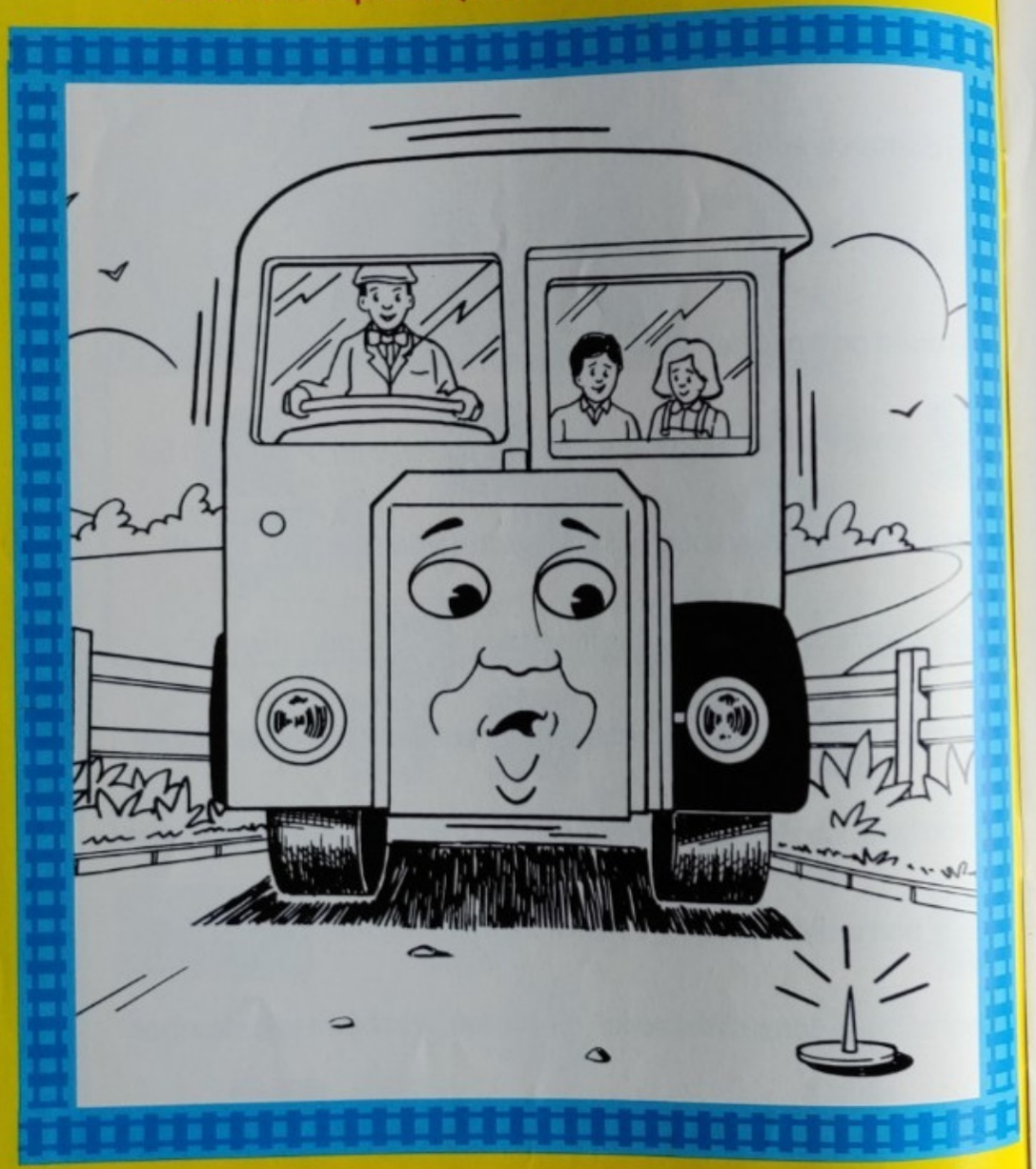

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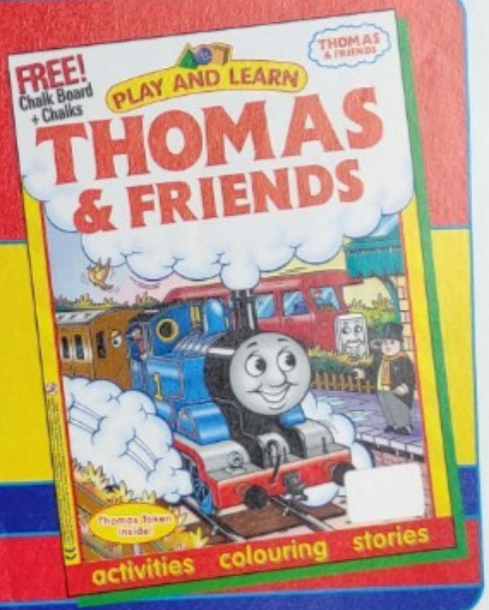

Story puzzle

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Duck saw Bulgy approaching. "Bulgy, you're too tall!"

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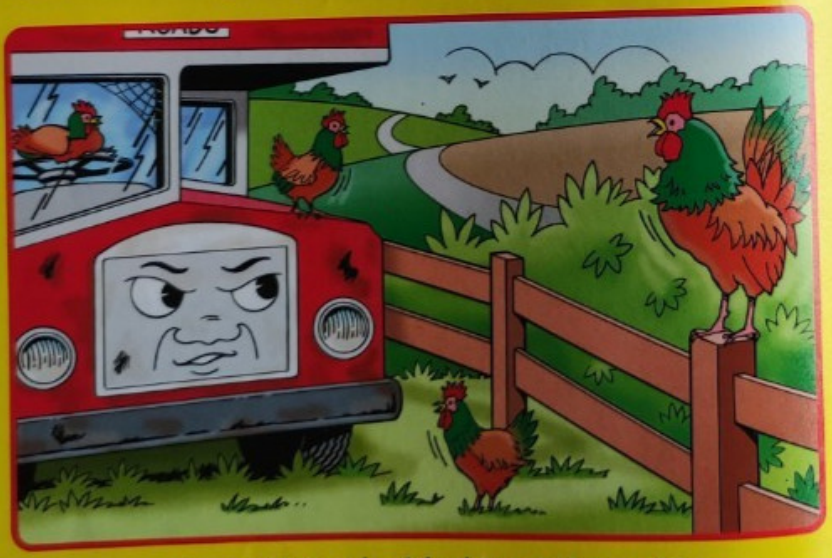

Bulgy was bored. He decided to go for a drive.

The right order is ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

answers: 3, 2, 1, 4

Write the numbers of these pictures below to show which order they should go in. Then tell the story yourself.

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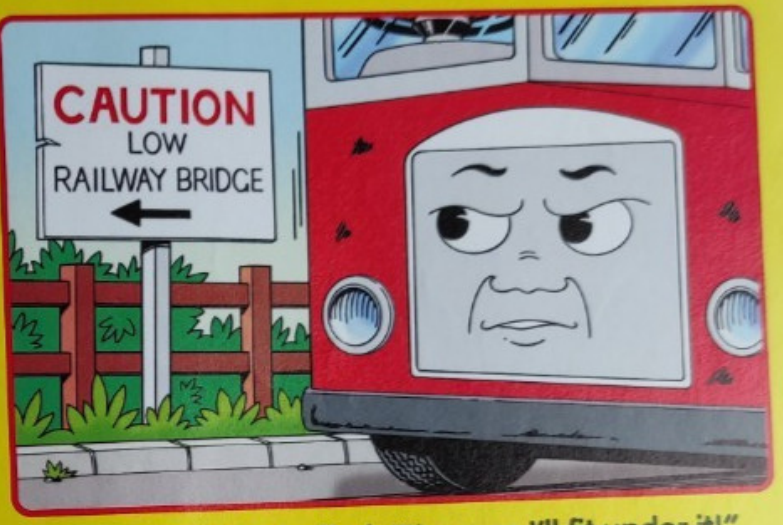

"Low bridge?" he huffed, "I'm sure I'll fit under it!"

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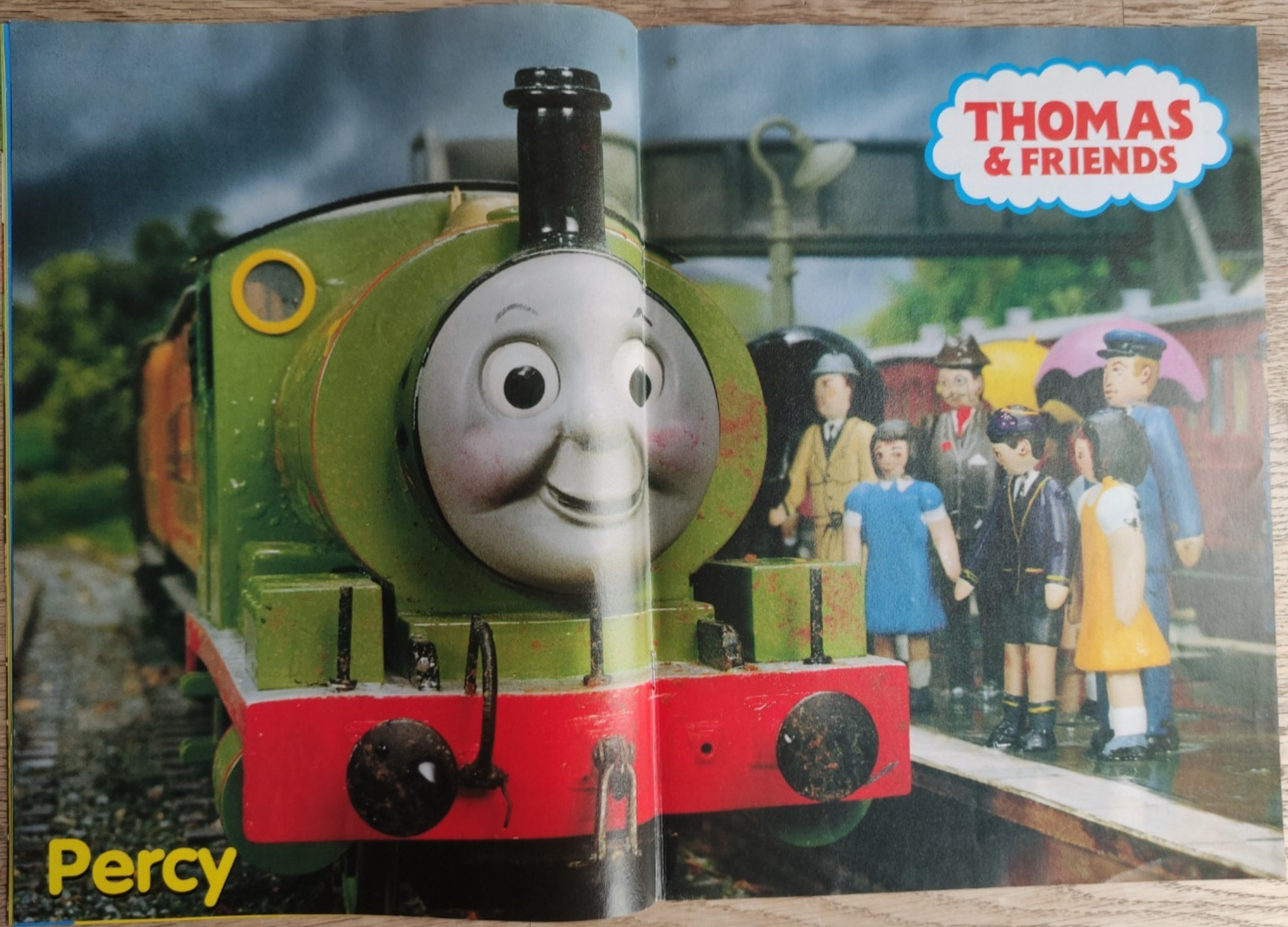
"You've broken the bridge!" said Duck. "I can't cross it!"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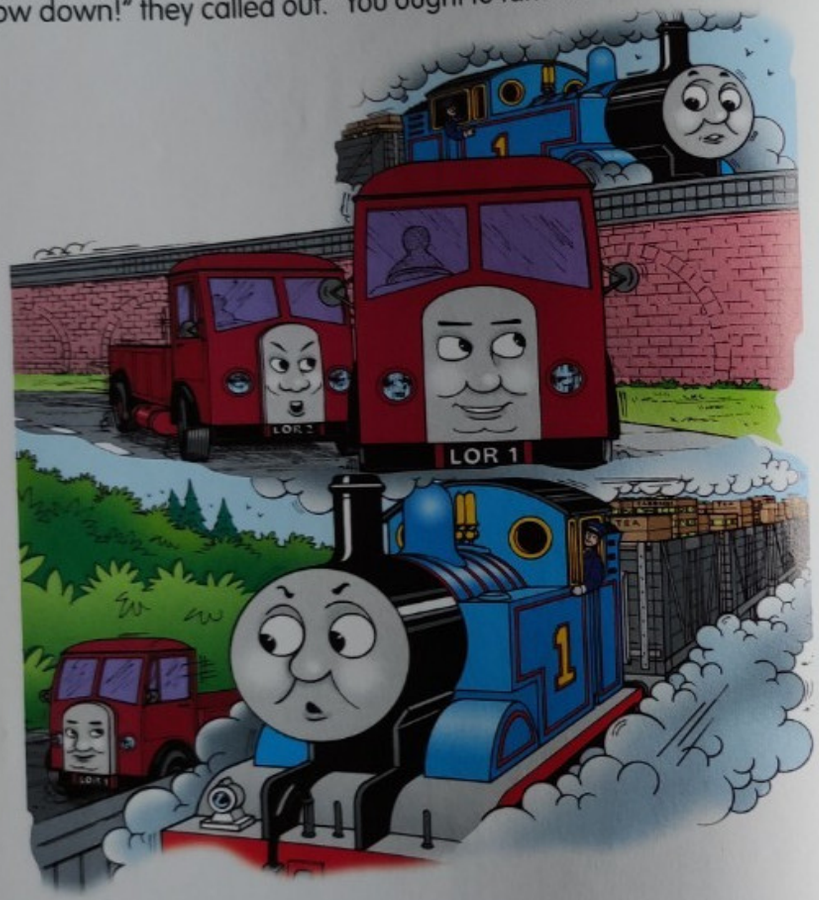
Thomas' rhyme time

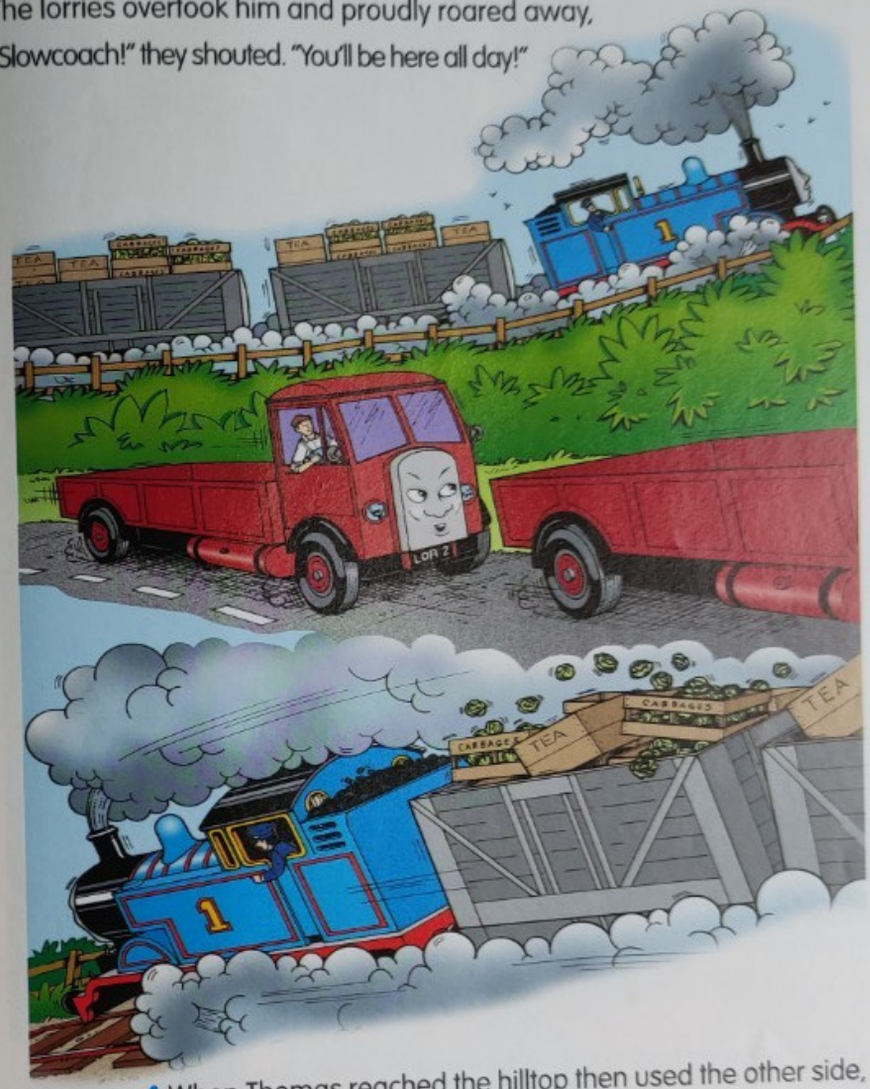
Hill Spill!

1 Lorry 1 and Lorry 2 liked to drive so fast,
When they spotted Thomas, they said he would be last,
They sped along beside the track, boasting they were the best,
"Slow down!" they called out. "You ought to take a rest!"



2 Thomas pulled some heavy trucks; it was a mighty load,
"You'd never see all this lot," he puffed, "upon the road!"
He carried crates of goods, from cabbages to tea,
He got up steam and snorted, "Those lorries won't beat me!"

3 Thomas soon reached Gordon's Hill , so long and very steep,
Climbing it was such hard work, his whistle couldn't peep,
The lorries overtook him and proudly roared away,
"Slowcoach!" they shouted. "You'll be here all day!"



4 When Thomas reached the hilltop then used the other side,
He smiled, "Now to show those two a really high-speed ride!"
Thomas hurtled down the hill, past Lorry 1 and 2,
His bouncing trucks lost lots of goods, into the air they flew!

5 Both the lorries had to brake, their way ahead was blocked,
Thomas pulled up sharply, his startled goods trucks rocked!
"You won," agreed the lorries, "even though we tried to dash!"
"If we hadn't stopped in time, there could have been a crash!"

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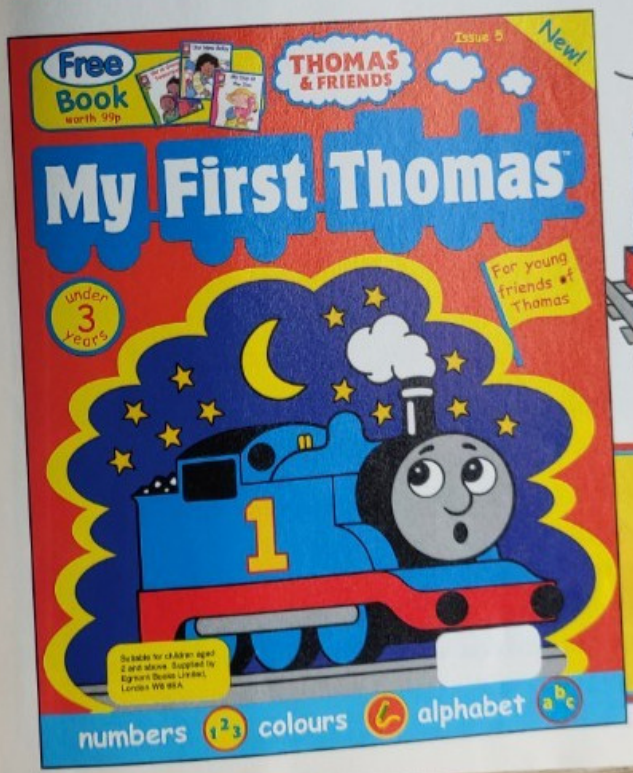

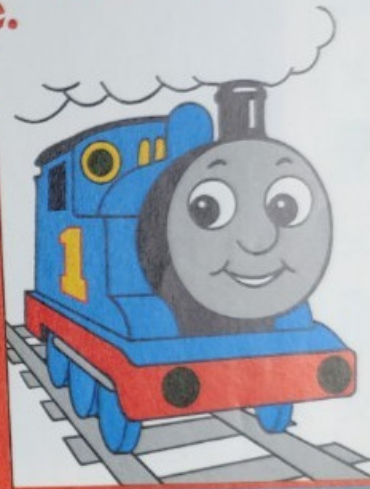

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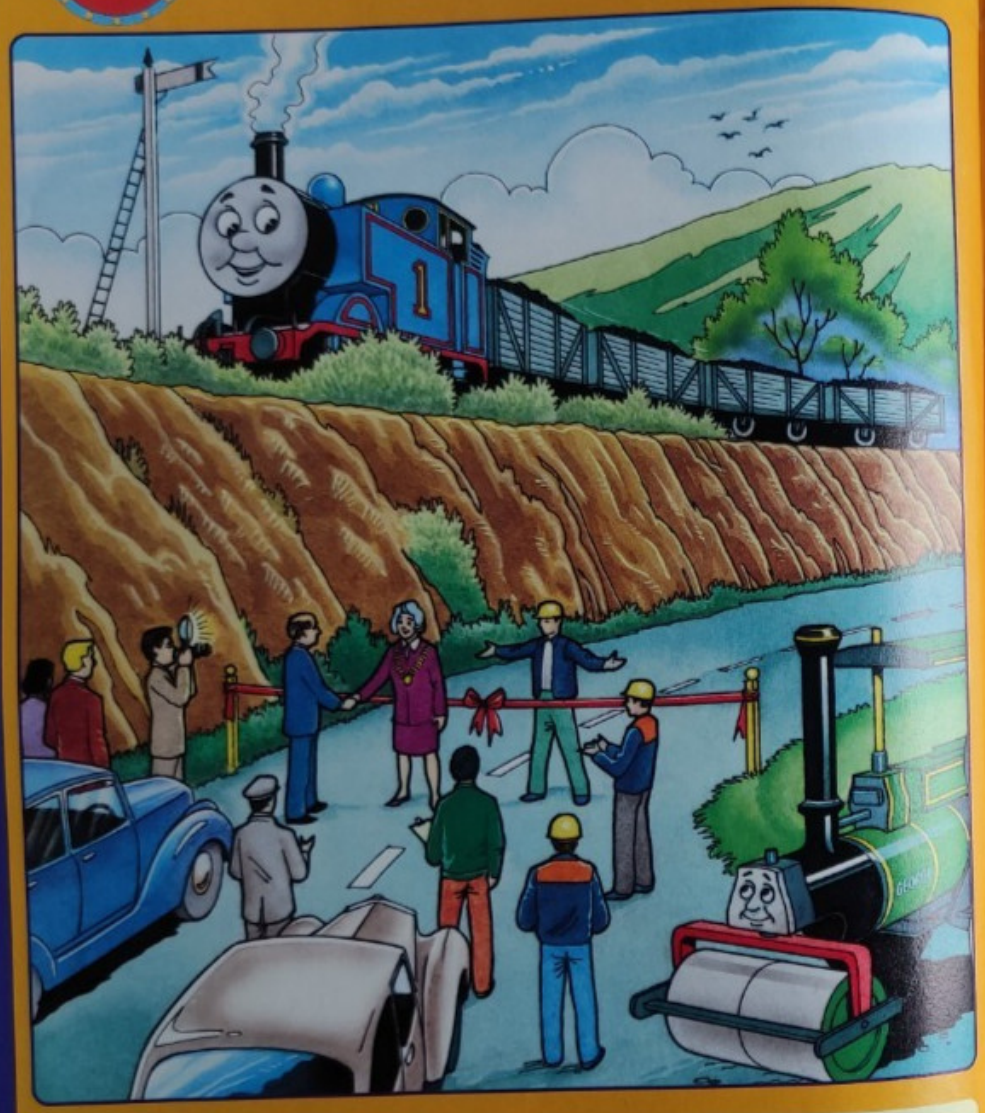
On Track!



1. Thomas was returning from the Big Harbour. He was carrying a shipment of coal for the Main Station yard. As Thomas pulled up at a signal he met George, the grumpy steamroller.

2. George has helped to build a new road which was about to be opened. The steamroller puffed with pride. "Rip up railways! Go by road is what I say!" he shouted rudely to Thomas.

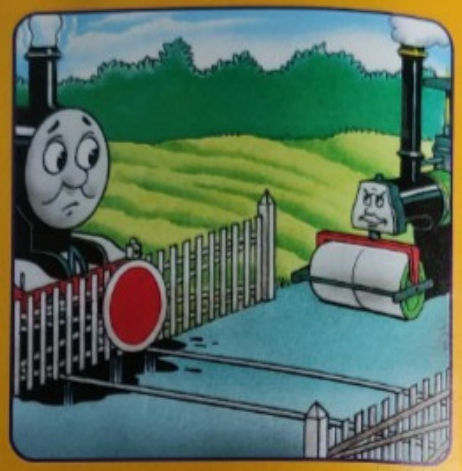
3. The signal changed and Thomas set off again. But all the coal made his trucks extra heavy. Suddenly, with a loud SNAP!, the last truck broke its coupling and its load spilled out.

4. A huge heap of dirty, dusty coal tumbled down the embankment onto the new road. Sparks flew from George's tall funnel. "Bah! You did that on purpose!" he spluttered with rage.

5. "Oh, no, we didn't!" protested Thomas. "Sorry!" called the truck. But now the road had to stay closed while the mess was cleared up. "I'll get my own back!" hissed George.

6. A few days later, BoCo ran into trouble too. He sprang a leak and spilled lots of oil across the track by a level-crossing. Finally, BoCo crawled back to the Main Station.

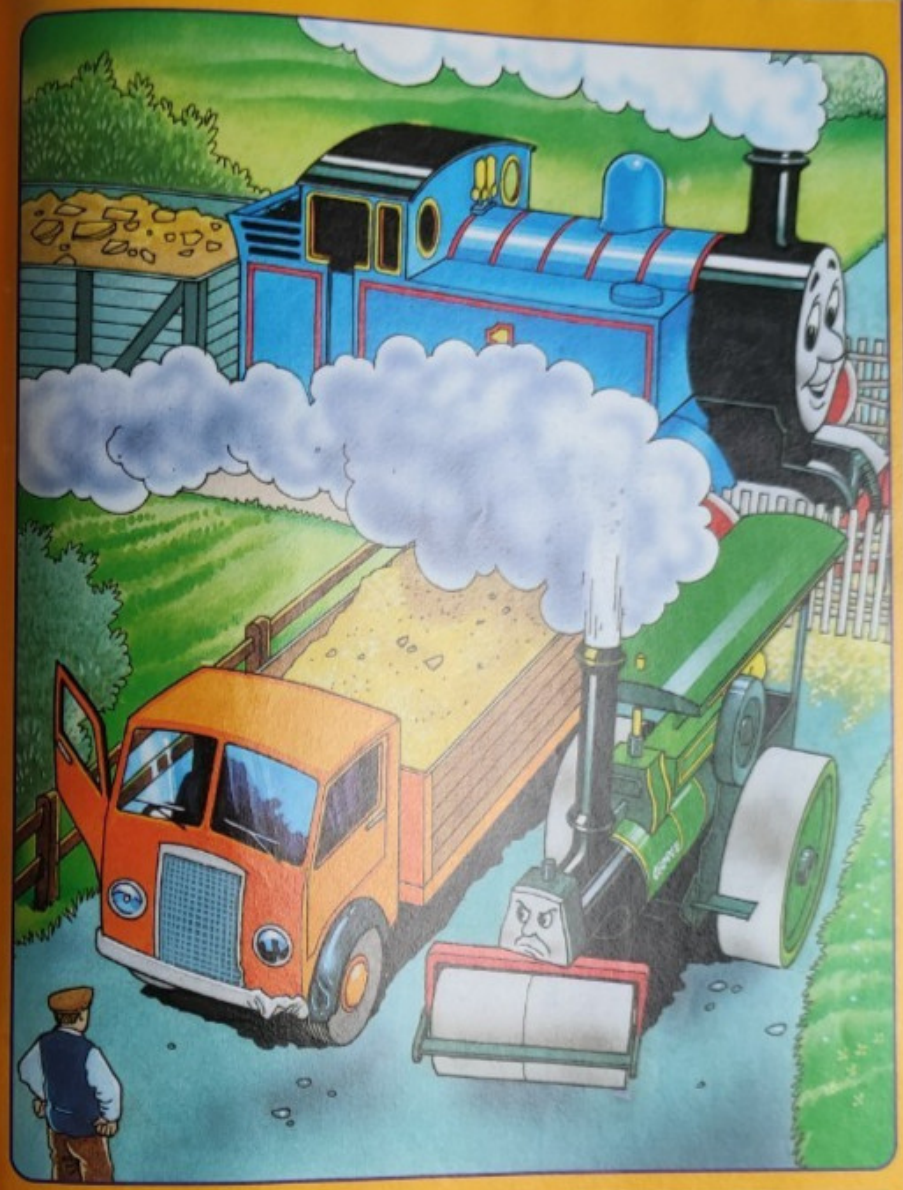
7. Thomas took over BoCo's work and set off to deliver trucks to the Big Harbour. As he approached the level-crossing, Thomas saw all the oil on the rails. It made his wheels spin.



8. Just then, George came rumbling along. Behind him was a large lorry, loaded with sand. "Now's my chance to get even with Thomas for messing up my nice new road," sulked George.

9. While Thomas waited at the level-crossing, the lorry followed George over it. The naughty steamroller blew out so much smoke, the lorry driver could not see George clearly.

10. THUD! The lorry bumped into the back of George. They were both going slowly so the only damage was a dent to the lorry's bumper. But the jolt sent sand scattering over the track.



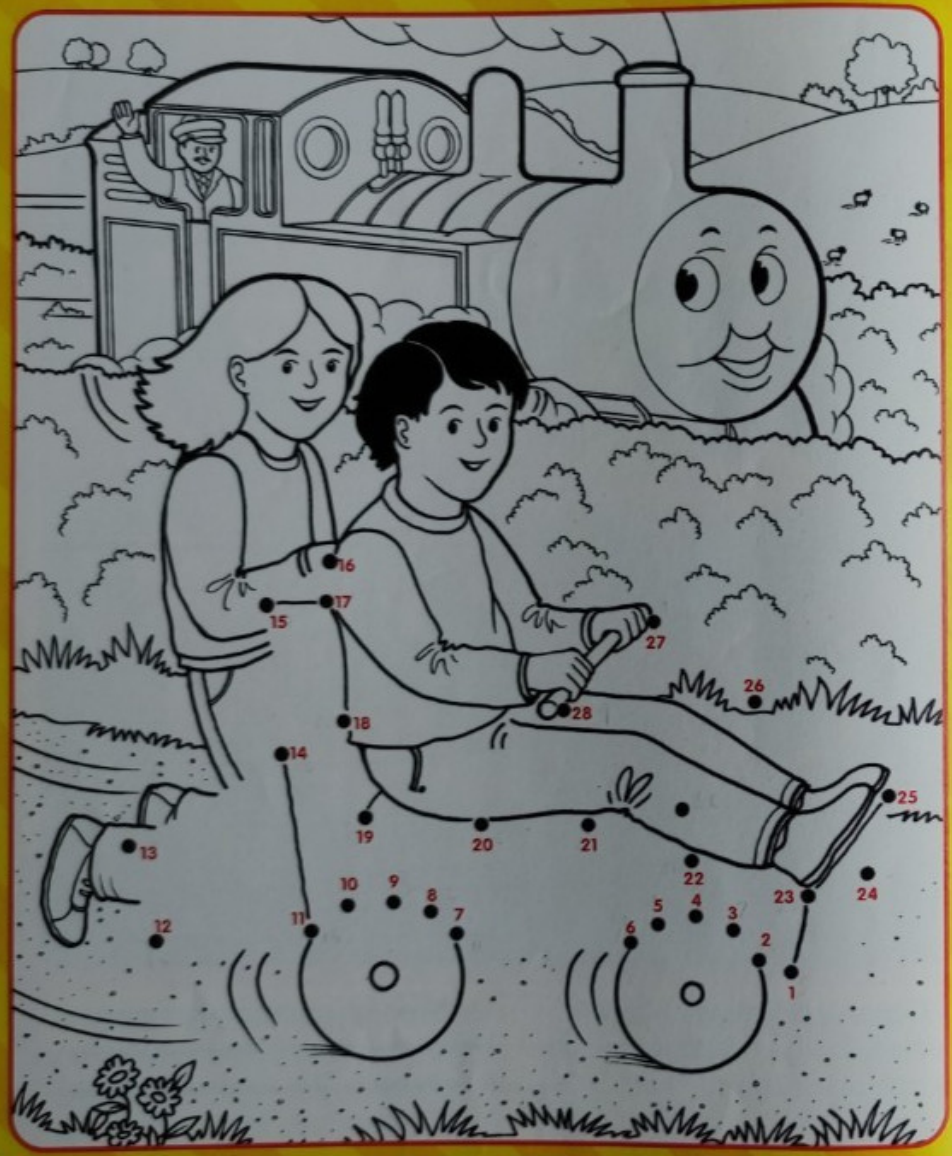
11. "Oops! Accidents will happen!" sneered George. " All that sand on the rails will delay you, Thomas!" "Oh, no, it won't!" he replied. You've been Really Useful, George!"

12. When the crossing gates opened, Thomas' wheels no longer slipped on the oily track. "This sand will help me to get a good grip," he chuffed. "Bah! I slipped up!" growled George.

The End

Dot to Dot!

Join the dots to complete this picture.



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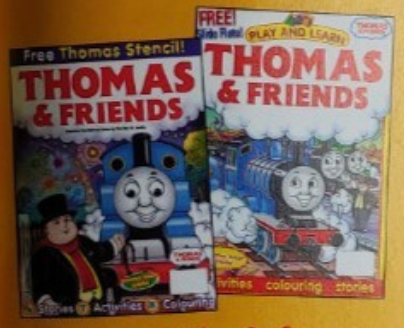

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Thomas and Bertie are the best of friends,
A helping hand each other will lend,
Roads or track - it's all the same,
Getting passengers on time is their favourite game!

Thomas is a cheeky engine,
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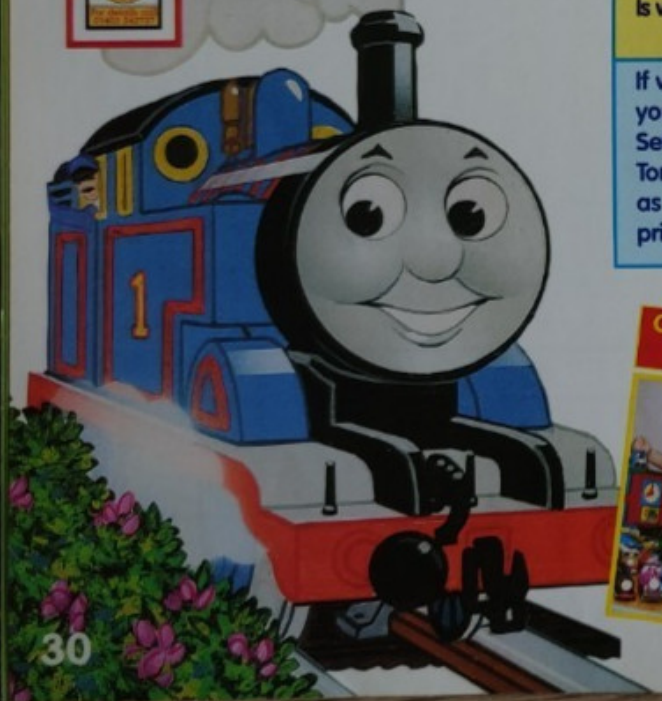
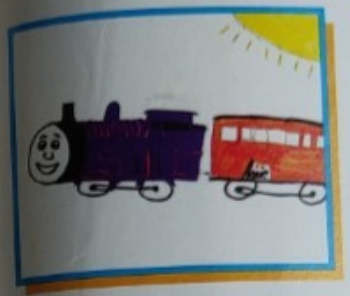


Gregory Watkins, aged 5.

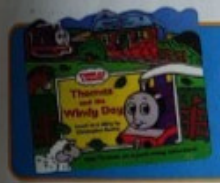
Anthony Giblin, aged 4.

A splendid picture of Thomas, by Steven Fiori, aged 3.



Mark Gibb, aged 5, drew this fab picture of Thomas!

Here's Percy by 9 year-old Shaun Beatty for his 2 year-old brother, Kurt.



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